

# City of San Antonio Scrap Tire Program

## Development Services Department

### Code Enforcement Division

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- 1. What is the purpose of the Scrap Tire Program?** The purpose of the Scrap Tire Program is to register scrap tire facilities in San Antonio to ensure the appropriate storage, accurate record keeping, safe transportation, and proper disposal of used and scrap tires.
- 2. How does the Scrap Tire Program benefit citizens of San Antonio?** The program helps to decrease illegal dumping practices, reduce the number of breeding grounds for mosquitoes and rodents which carry disease, deter questionable tire transporters, and require more accountability from scrap tire facility owners to properly maintain and transport used or scrap tires.
- 3. What is the difference between used and scrap tires?** Used tire means a tire, including a recapped or retreaded tire, suitable for continued use for its original intended purpose. Scrap tire means a whole tire or any portion of a tire that can no longer be used for its original intended purpose or is being held, transported, or processed for disposal or recycling. These differences were defined in the City ordinance.
- 4. When did the new ordinance become effective?** The new article of the City Code (Chapter 16, Article XVIII) was approved unanimously on October 29, 2009 by the San Antonio City Council and became effective November 8, 2009.
- 5. Why was a new ordinance needed?** Abandoned and/or unregulated stockpiles of used and scrap tires pose a serious fire hazard and threat to public health and safety. Tires create a breeding ground for mosquitoes and can release hydrocarbons and other contaminants to the ground water.
- 6. What type of businesses (scrap tire facilities) will be affected by this program?** Any business or establishment where 100 or more scrap tires per year are collected, repaired, processed, recycled, scrapped, sold, bought or stored will be regulated by the ordinance.
- 7. What businesses are exempt from registering?** The ordinance does not apply to any department, branch or agency, of federal, state, or municipal government. Land filled scrap tires are not subject to the storage requirement.
- 8. What is the penalty for violation of the ordinance?** Violation of the ordinance is a Class C misdemeanor that is punishable by a fine not less than \$100, but not more than \$2,000.